

**Violent Crime Victim Assistance Grantees Fiscal Year 2004**  
**Office of Illinois Attorney General LISA MADIGAN**  
**Rockford Press Conference: Program Descriptions**

**Grantees in DeKalb, Lee, McHenry, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties**

**DeKalb County**

- 1. CASA of DeKalb County; Sycamore, IL; \$12,500:**  
Child victimization based program serving any child from birth to 18 years who enters the DeKalb County Juvenile Court System through abuse, neglect, abandonment or dependency. Established in 1993, CASA of DeKalb County provides legal advocacy, children's services, community education, emotional support, court assistance and court advocacy.
- 2. DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office-Victim/Witness Program; Sycamore, IL; \$24,720:**  
Prosecutor-based victim/witness program serving any victim and/or witness of violent crime in DeKalb County. The program was started in 1989 and provides restitution and compensation assistance, travel/hotel accommodations, evidence recovery, order of protection assistance, information/referrals, court advocacy and court notification.
- 3. Safe Passage, Inc. - Domestic Violence Program; DeKalb, IL; \$24,054:**  
Family violence based program serving victims of domestic violence and their children within DeKalb County and including Northern Illinois University. Established in 1980, the program provides shelter, order of protection assistance, transportation, medical and legal advocacy, 24-hour hotline, prevention programs support groups, crisis intervention, transitional assistance, parenting/community education, counseling and abuser services.
- 4. Safe Passage, Inc. - Sexual Assault Program; DeKalb, IL; \$15,500:**  
Sexual assault based program serving victims of sexual assault within DeKalb County, including Northern Illinois University. Established in 2002, the sexual assault program provides information/referrals, support counseling, medical, social service and legal advocacy, survivors support groups, community education and prevention programs.

**Lee County**

- 1. Lee/Carroll County CASA; Dixon, IL; \$24,616:**  
Child victimization based program serving all abused and neglected children (birth to 18) who are in the juvenile court system in Lee County and/or Carroll County. The program was started in 1988 and provides medical advocacy, legal advocacy, social service

advocacy, professional training, emotional support and information/referrals.

**2. Lee County State's Attorney's Office - Victim/Witness Program; Dixon, IL; \$21,500:**

Prosecutor-based victim/witness program serving all victims and/or witnesses of violent crime in Lee County. The victim/witness program was started in 1993 and provides court advocacy, victim impact statement and order of protection assistance, post-trial information, employer intervention, community referrals, emotional support, transportation and restitution assistance.

**McHenry County**

**1. Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County; Woodstock, IL; \$8,500:**

Child victimization based program serving children under the age of 18 or of limited mental capacity who are victims of sexual abuse/assault and/or severe physical abuse. Established in 1999, the program provides medical, legal and social services advocacy, court assistance, information/referrals, victim impact statement assistance, multidisciplinary teams, community education, prevention programs and crisis intervention.

**2. McHenry County State's Attorney's Office; Woodstock, IL; \$25,750:**

Prosecutor-based victim/witness program serving victims and witnesses of violent crime within McHenry County. Established in 1986, the victim/witness program provides court advocacy, victim compensation and restitution assistance, transportation, victim impact statements, community referrals, employer intervention, public education, prevention programs, DOC releases, case notifications, criminal justice and case disposition.

**3. Turning Point, Inc. - Domestic Violence Program; Woodstock, IL; \$20,908:**

Family violence based program serving any person who is or has been a victim of domestic violence and their family members within McHenry County. The program was started in 1983 and provides the following services: 24-hour crisis intervention, legal and medical advocacy, adult and children support groups, adult counseling, case management, transportation and information/referrals.

**Ogle County**

**1. H.O.P.E. of Rochelle; Rochelle, IL; \$18,029:**

Family violence based victim program. This program serves adult victims of family violence and their minor children within Ogle and Lee Counties. The program began in 1983 as a total volunteer effort. Since then, they have grown to provide shelter, assistance with orders of protection, transportation, IDVA advocacy, 24-hour hotline,

medical advocacy, legal advocacy, social service advocacy, prevention programs, support groups, individual counseling and training.

**2. Illinois Prosecutor-Based Victim Assistance Association; Oregon, IL; \$3,500:**

This association was formed in 1999 in response to the statewide Victim/Witness Advocates from the top third of the state who felt there was a need to provide a "united front and voice for victim/witness assistance to local and state agencies." They elected officers in July 1999 and sent out letters to all Prosecutor-Based Assistants in the state of Illinois to invite them to join the association. Their mission was "to provide a forum by which prosecutor-based victim assistance may network regarding trainings and specific issues." The Attorney General's VCVA Program awarded \$3,500 to supplement the conference costs for their yearly conference.

**3. Ogle County State's Attorney's Office; Oregon, IL; \$19,500:**

Prosecutor-based victim/witness program serving all victims of violent crimes within Ogle County. This program began in 1993 as a result of receiving funds from VCVA. Service provided include court notification, court advocacy, assistance with crime victims compensation and orders of protection, emotional support, community referrals, employer intervention, arrangement of transportation, victim impact statements, property return assistance, arrangement for translations, victim impact panel and public education.

### **Stephenson County**

**1. CHOICES, Inc., For Family Peace and Justice; Galena, IL; \$22,000:**

This family violence based agency began as a satellite office of the YWCA of Freeport - VOICES program in 1989. In 2000, the agency became independent of the YWCA and is now self-sufficient. Services are provided to adult victims of family violence and their minor children within Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties. Services provided include emergency shelter, assistance with orders of protection, transportation, IDVA advocacy, emotional support, 24-hour hotline, legal advocacy, social service advocacy, medical advocacy, information and referrals, support groups, individual issue counseling and community education

**2. YWCA of Freeport -VOICES; Freeport, IL; \$23,247:**

Family violence based program serving any female or male victim of domestic violence and their children who reside in, or have fled to, Stephenson County. The Voices Program was started in 1982 and provides emergency temporary shelter, order of protection assistance, transportation, IDVA advocacy, 24-hour hotline, legal and social service advocacy, support groups, individual issue counseling, prevention programs, community education and professional training.

## **Winnebago County**

- 1. Children's Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (AKA The Carrie Lynn Children's Center); Rockford, IL; \$19,500:**  
Child victimization based program serving victims and witnesses of child sexual abuse who are under the age of 18. The program was started in 1991 and provides crisis intervention, medical and social service advocacy, information/referrals, victim impact statement assistance, prevention programs and multidisciplinary teams.
- 2. Rockford Police Department; Rockford, IL; \$23,120:**  
Police-based victim/witness program serving any person who is a victim of a criminal or quasi-criminal incident in the city of Rockford. Established in 1977, the program provides homicide support groups, DUI victim support groups, information/referrals, victim escort, advocacy, assessments, case status updates, victim's options and obligations information, IDVA information, crime victim compensation information and public education.
- 3. Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Inc.; Rockford, IL; \$19,698:**  
Sexual assault based program serving victims of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment and their significant others in Boone, Ogle and Winnebago Counties. Established in 1977, the program provides medical, legal and social service advocacy, crisis intervention and information.
- 4. Winnebago County Sheriff's Office; Rockford, IL; \$28,154:**  
Police-based victim/witness program serving all victims of crime in Winnebago County. The program was started in 1989 and provides information, community referrals, emotional support, case investigation update, order of protection assistance, 24-hour line and case review.
- 5. Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office - Victim/Witness Program; Rockford, IL; \$27,945:**  
Prosecutor-based victim/witness program serving any victim and/or witness of violent crime in Winnebago County. The victim witness program was started in 1987 and provides case notification, trial and compensation information, victim impact statement assistance, emotional support, order of protection assistance, community referrals, employer intervention and transportation.
- 6. Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office - Juvenile Victim/Witness Program; Rockford, IL; \$16,000:**  
Prosecutor-based victim/witness program serving any juvenile victim and/or witness of violent crime in Winnebago County. The program was started in 1987 and provides restitution letters and orders, order of protection assistance, emotional support, case status information, victim impact statement assistance, court advocacy and community referrals.